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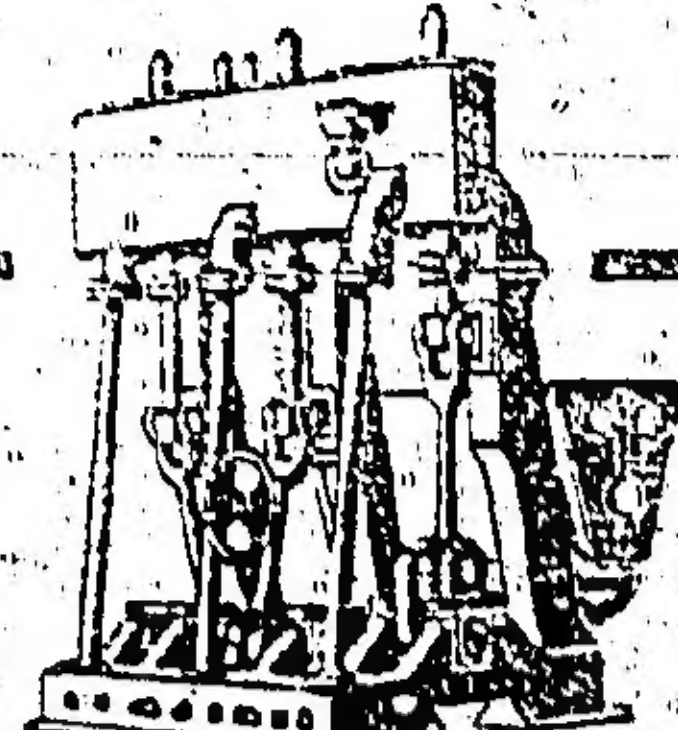
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THE WAR.
TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BIG BRITISH ATTACK.
VALUABLE POSITIONS CAPTURED.
London, Sept. 20.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We attacked, this morning, on a wide front to the east of Ypres.
Satisfactory progress is reported and we have already captured valuable positions.

A FEW DETAILS.
London, Sept. 20.
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters states:—
The British have renewed their offensive on a big scale.
It is impossible at present to define the flanks of the attack. The most intense fighting zone lies astride the Ypres-Menin Road and is directed against the German positions at Galmes-wood, Inverness Copse, Nonne Boschen and Polygon de Zonneleke, standing upon high ground.
The possession of these positions would complete our mastery of the Westhoek Ridge system. There was heavy rain during the night but the weather cleared at dawn and the all-important element—visibility—is reasonably high, while the ground is not seriously affected.
The attack differed materially from the previous, in various aspects, which it is not permitted to indicate, but which is dictated by the necessity of devising some formula for dealing with the enemy's new defensive tactics.
The enemy's well-boxed and shell-cratered ground has been subject to great artillery concentration during the week. By day our heavy guns carried out intense counter-battery work and a destructive bombardment of the defensive positions, while at night, the field guns and trench mortars pitched gas shells and oil drums among the enemy, the effect of which may be guessed by the fact that two nights ago one hostile artillery group so attacked did not reply; thus the war was pretty effective. It cleared for the infantry. The actual preliminary bombardment was short, but of incredible intensity, consisting of a series of barrages, one in advance of the other. All the troops had been thoroughly rehearsed in their parts and by the devotion of some Divisions, in remaining in the line longer than usual, it was possible to put more than a normally large proportion of fresh troops into the attack.
Considering the circumstances the communication is good, for which due credit must be accorded the New Zealand brigade, which, during the comparatively short period of preparation preceding the attack, buried over 20,000 feet of telegraph cable so deep as to defy any shelling.
The Germans, who fully realise what the loss of this life will mean, have offered strong opposition to the infantry. There was intense machine-gun activity from redoubts etc., but our artillery soon found these spots. Tanks are being employed in limited numbers owing to the unfavourable ground, but our armour already report that these snorting machines are moving to the assistance of the infantry where the latter are temporarily held up.
Our flyers are taking a great part in the battle, carrying out so unprecedentedly elaborate and co-ordinated efforts.

GERMAN REPORTS.
London, Sept. 20.
A German official message states:—
After most violent artillery fire between Houthout Wood and Lys, the English launched strong attacks, on a broad front at daybreak.
The French attacks yesterday, near Hill 344, were unsuccessful.
We shot down 20 aeroplanes.
A later German official message states:—
The battle is in full swing on the English front, from Langemarck to Houthout.
There has been bitter, fluctuating fighting, all day long, on the foremost part of our defensive zone.
INTENSE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.
London, Sept. 20.
A French communiqué states:—
There has been intense artillery activity, south of the Oise, in Champagne, on the Tonnelle-High Mount sector, and on both banks of the Meuse.
A French communiqué states:—
After a violent bombardment, an enemy attack to the south-east of Cerny, was stopped by our fire and did not succeed in reaching our lines.

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On and from SATURDAY, September 22nd and until further notice.

THE following Trains are cancelled:—

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From SHAM CHUN 6.15 P.M. 9.00 P.M.

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From Kowloon 5.15 P.M. (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only).

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By Order, H. P. WINSLOW,

Manager.

Kowloon, September 18, 1917. 2121

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant at 5.30 P.M.

S. E. GREEN,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1917. 2119

HONGKONG ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, 26th September, 1917, at 5.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August, of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, &c.

R. HENDERSON,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1917. 2120

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on SATURDAY, the 23rd of September, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1917. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 23rd September, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, Sept. 5, 1917. 2083

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDEND WARRANTS for the INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$2.50 per share payable to all Shareholders on the Company's Register at 30th September, 1917, may be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 8th October, 1917.

Notice is further given that the SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 6th October, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1917. 2091

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any OUTSTANDING NOTES will be paid on presentation to the undersigned on or before SATURDAY, 29th September, 1917, at Noon.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, July 25.

EXIT EAST FIFE.

Under the redistribution proposals of the Scottish Boundary Commissioners, a constituency that of late years has bulked largely in our political life will lose its name and its identity. East Fife, so long associated with the name of Mr. Asquith, is to be united to the St. Andrews Burghs, and the new constituency will be known as the St. Andrews Division. This is as it should be. East Fife is a modern creation and its name was merely a piece of political geography; while St. Andrews, has for centuries been one of the centres round which Scottish history revolved. Ladybank will also lose its high estate; this railway junction and its small Masonic Hall provided the very unsatisfactory scene of many political demonstrations; in the future, it is to be supposed, all these will be held in St. Andrews by the Sea. Politicians and journalists and wirepullers and all the motley crowd whose duty it was to attend "speeches" have shivered on many a winter day at Ladybank, and they at least will not regret its passing back into its native local obscurity.

PERSONALIA.

Sir Christopher N. Johnston, K.C., M.P. for Edinburgh and St. Andrews Universities, is appointed one of the Senators of His Majesty's College of Justice in Scotland (a Judge in the Court of Session), in room of Lord Dewar, deceased. It was expected that Sir Eric Geddes, being a native of Edinburgh and a Merchanton Castle boy, would be put forward for the vacancy in Edinburgh and St. Andrews Universities. But, unfortunately, some one blundered, the Scottish Government Whips have lately shown very little tact, and the First Lord of the Admiralty finds a seat at Cambridge.

Sir Eric Geddes is closely associated with the Granite City. He is a grandson of the late Dr. Anderson, of the Old Aberdeen Grammar School of Gymnasium, an institution famed for sending out lads of thoroughness and promptitude. He is also a nephew, by marriage of Mr. John Clarke, Lecturer on Education in Aberdeen University. Sir Thomas Muir, appointed the Chief Director in the Labour Regulation Department, of the Ministry of Munitions, is the County Clerk of Lanarkshire. He was a member of the Commission on the Dilution of Labour for the Clyde and Tyne Districts, and

is at present Labour Advisor for Scotland to the Admiralty, Shipyard Labour Department and the Ministry of Munitions.

THEY SAY.

Regret is expressed in many circles in Scotland that the King did not revive Stuart as the family name of the Royal House. But it is pointed out that Stuart spelt misfortune.—"O wae's me for Prince Charlie!"

A correspondent at the Front, writing of the Queen's visit, says that some of the women now wearing field uniform would prefer to follow military usage and salute; but the Highlanders, who object to anybody in skirts but themselves giving the regulation salute, threatened to curtsy as a reprisal.

The same correspondent tells that when the Queen was visiting an hospital she was greatly amused to find a Tipperary Irishman serving in a Highland Battalion, and told the lad that it was a very good mixture.

The announcement is made in the usual columns that a son has been born to the wife of a naval officer, who gives his ship as "H.M.S.——." Perhaps this is the mysterious H.M.S. "Hush" of which we read so much after the visit of the King to the Grand Fleet.

CRICKET.

In a two-days' School Championship match, Edinburgh Academy defeated Merchiston by an innings and 41 runs, 318 against 85 and 192. F. S. Paterson, Academy, who has proved himself one of the best all-rounders of the year, made 60 runs and captured 11 wickets for 111. In batting he was excelled by F. H. Walker, who scored 94. On the Castle side R. M. Gourlay and E. E. Corstorphine made the most successful appearances.

Of course, this game had no bearing on the fate of the Public Schools' Championship, which has already been won by Fettes. The honour, however, is this year, short of most of its glamour, the war greatly adding to the natural inequalities of the schools.

MAMMOTH AT THE FRONT.

The "Daily Express," New York correspondent quotes the following from an Associated Press representative with the British Armies in France: "British soldiers, excavating near the battered remnants of the Hindenburg line, struck a strange object, which proved to be the tusk of a mammoth. The discovery caused great excitement among the troops, who looked for the place regardless of the danger of stray land mine fire from the Germans. The skeleton of the prehistoric monster has now been definitely located, and the gradual exposure of it is proceeding at a terrific rate."

A PATRIOT INDEED.

HUNS' APOLOGIST GOES TO GAOL.

The announcement contained in an Amsterdam paper that a German jurist, Dr. Ivers, has been condemned by a Berlin Court to nine months' imprisonment for having extorted 120,000 marks from the mother of a soldier under threat, may not arouse the attention it deserves unless men know something of the previous history of this typical Hun. Dr. Ivers was the man specially selected by the German Government to direct the official investigation in Belgium, the result of which, published in the German White Book, forms the basis of the German reply to the charges made against the invaders by the French, Belgian and British Commissions of Enquiry into the German atrocities. This man presided over innumerable courts-martial; it was on his condemnation that hundreds of Belgians have suffered death or imprisonment, and the findings of this judicial murderer were accepted without question by the German Government as they had been unhesitatingly concurred in by his infamous colleagues. When tried for the crime for which he has been sentenced to imprisonment, Dr. Ivers' defending counsel pleaded that his client was a chronic alcoholic and a confirmed morphinomaniac; that he was a degenerate; that he was one of those men who could do nothing unless he was half-drunk; and that he possessed defects and vices which rendered all moral resistance very difficult for him. And this is the man who was specially appointed to direct enquiries from the German side, who presided over the German Commission of Enquiry into the horrors of Louvain! The administration of justice must indeed be in a parlous way in Germany. Dr. Ivers has, it is true, been sentenced to imprisonment for his latest "deceitful" crime; but the Court which passed sentences upon this foul creature declared that "in inflicting punishment it had taken into account the services rendered by the accused to his country!"

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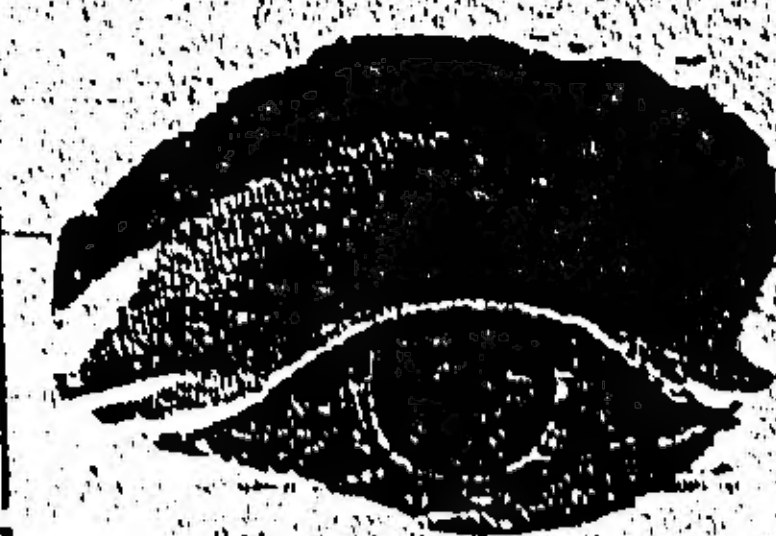
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd September, 1917,

at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A CONSignment of

WHITE GOODS.

Comprising—

Turkish Bath Sheets, 20 doz. Turkish Face Towels, (assorted sizes), Pillow Cases, Double Bed White Satin Quilts, Single and Double Bed Sheets (hemstitched and plain), Damask Table Cloths and Serviettes, White Satin Bedspreads, Bleached Sheetings, Lace Curtains, Counterpanes, Shirtings, &c., &c.

Also

A few lots of Dress Materials.
Terms:—Cash.
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Hongkong, Sept. 15, 1917. 2107

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SATURDAY,

the 22nd September, 1917, at 11.30 a.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A CONSignment of

BRASS WARE.

Comprising—

A varied assortment of Carved Brass Vases, Jardiniere, Flower Bowls, Finger Bowls, Incense Burners, Biddha, &c., &c.

Also

A few lots of Kinkosan Satsuma Vases and Tea Sets.
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Hongkong, Sept. 15, 1917. 2108

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the 23rd September, 1917, at 10.30 a.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A LARGE CONSignment of

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DISINFECTANTS, ANTISEPTICS AND HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.

Consisting of—

QUININE in bulk and tabloid form, Balsam Peru, Oleum Ricini, Oleum Olivae, Syntex liq. Ung. Acid Boric, Ung. Hydrarg., Ciner. Ung. Zinci, Iodoform, Formaldehyde, Lanolin, Acid Carbolic, Pur. Liq. Alumini, Acet. Tinet Myrrh, Tinct Opium, Gelsolin Capsules, Chloroform, Another Spt Camphor, and a few gross of Medicine bottles, &c., &c.

And

A number of Tubes of Hypodermic Injections of Morphine, Cocaine, &c., &c., and about 200 Tubes of Salvarsan.

Also

Several cases of medicated Cotton Wool, Bandages, Iodoform Gauze, &c., &c.

N.B.—Several lines of the above drugs are now practically unobtainable owing to the War.

Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Friday the 28th inst.

Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1917. 2093

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

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TUESDAY,

the 9th October, 1917, commencing at

4.45 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A LARGE CONSignment of

VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS.

Including many rare varieties.

Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Monday the 8th October.

Terms:—Cash.
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Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1917. 2119

STRENGTH AND ENERGY FOR TIRED FOLKS

How Run Down, Nerve Sick, Discouraged Men and Women are Finding New Nerves, New Health, New Life, New Courage

WHEN the alarm clock rang this morning did you bound from bed wide awake, bright-eyed, clear-minded and whistle while you dressed? Did you go to breakfast with the appetite of a horse and leave for work feeling "fit, brimful of ideas and energy, ready to do your work with a will?"

Not if you're the average citizen. You stretched and yawned and said, "another day" and you arose slowly feeling vaguely dependent and uneasy and not a bit rested. The day's tasks were a thing to dread. Something nasty had crawled in your mouth and slept there all night. You had no appetite, your work was unmechanical and lacked purpose. True you got in the rut finally and pulled through after a fashion, but you weren't a success and you realized it. You lacked ambition, energy, vim, nerve force, and you couldn't concentrate. There was no joy or happiness in the day's work or the reward it brought you.

Such symptoms don't necessarily prove that you are ill, but they are certain indications of weakened nerve force and evidence that your nerve cells are not being properly nourished and strengthened. Your whole system—mental and physical—is below par and you are only 50 per cent. efficient—just half your real self. In such a condition you can do nothing better or get quicker action than by taking a few weeks' treatment of the wonderful remedy called Sargol. This is the most remarkable prescription ever found for putting back the "good old pep" in folks who are chronically tired, debilitated or run down. The chief reason for its success is that it contains some of the most important elements of active living nerve force. Sargol acts quickly. It gets straightway into your nerve cells and blood and freshens and brightens you right up. It gives you ambition, courage, will power and real vital vim and does not contain a single habit-forming drug. It is always safe, easy, pleasant and efficient. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., The Victoria Dispensary, The Pharmacy, Queen's Dispensary, The Edward Dispensary and leading chemists everywhere sell it—40 tablets to a package.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TUESDAY,

the 25th September, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, PICTURES, &c., &c.

As follows:—

Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Sofas, Card Tables, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and Writing Tables, Sundry Electro-Plated Ware, &c.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture, including Large 6-Fold Blackwood Screen with 5-Coloured Electric Folds and Screen.

A few lots of Turkish Bath Sheets, Towels, Single and Double Bed Sheets, Bed Quilts, &c.

Also

One Large Hall Clock.
PIANO by Collard & Collard.
Shiedmayer & Soehne, Stuttgart.
One Fair Old Fokinese Brass Lions.
Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

Terms:—Cash.
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Hongkong, Sept. 15, 1917. 2123

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

THURSDAY,

the 27th September, 1917, at 2.30 p.m., on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, (Godown No. 25).

The following **SUNDY GOODS**—

3 Large rolls of Composition Banner for machinery rooms, (3 feet wide), 1 x 40 gallon cask heavy Oil, 4 crates of Glass Jars, 10 x 40 gallon Drums Carbolineum, 3 x 10 gallon Drums Spirits of Wine, 70 bags Bone Nut, 3 bags Shell "blacklips," 30 bags Coena Nibe (damaged), 7 cases Shell "blacklips," 20 cases Mineral Water "Sauer brunnen,"

Also

Immediately following the above sale, (in Godown 25), on the same premises, the undermentioned (in bond), 11 cases Houses of Lords Whisky, 10 cases of Beer.

On view from Tuesday the 26th inst. at 2.00 p.m.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Sept. 14, 1917. 2105

RUSSIA'S MENTAL CHAOS.

Discussing the "Mental Indigestion" from which Russia is suffering an American contemporary says—

The Maximalists, to whose propaganda the disorganization in the army is attributed, are the followers of Nicholas Lenin, who is determined to secure the establishment of a Socialist Utopia of the most radical sort where capital shall be no more. They are violently opposed to any further offensive against the Germans, and the Petrograd Pravda, indulges in arguments of this sort to prevent it.

"Who will guarantee the safety of the capital from German invasion if warlike cries continue?" Those who preach an offensive are merely helping Wilhelm. Revolution is blazing in Germany. The partisans of an offensive will enable Wilhelm to extinguish the flames.

Then we have the followers of Maxim Gorky, who want a Utopia, but do not seem to have quite made up their minds as regards the type. As any rate, they want no further offensive, and profoundly distrust their allies. Thus Gorky's paper, the Petrograd Novaya Zhizn, opines:—"Any, even the least, increase in the defensive powers of the country without corresponding political steps in the direction of peace is a direct continuation of the disorganised laughter in the interests of imperialism and a stab in the back of Austro-German democracy, which has joined her efforts with us in the struggle for peace."

That a complete victory by England would be Europe's deliverance from the "militaristic" hegemony of Germany is obvious. Of greater complexity is the other question. How much would the "liberated" nations have gained? Would they not have fallen from the frying-pan into the fire?

Next to the question of a vigorous offensive comes that of peace—a peace according to the much-chanted formula, "without annexations and without indemnities." The Minimalists, a group of Socialists who are more moderate than the followers of Lenin, have curious views upon this subject and seem to desire the utmost tenderness shown to our common enemy. Thus their organ, the Petrograd Rabotchaya Gazeta, writes:—"We should betray the principle of international solidarity if we wanted to impose the whole burden of the war upon one nation only, the Germans, for instance. By doing so we should crush German culture, paralyze for long the economic development of Germany, Belgium, Serbia, and the other countries must be restored, but let the cost of their restoration be borne more or less equally by the winning classes of Europe."

The Revolutionary Socialists—Russia seems to possess a perfect Socialist kaleidoscope—cling to the "no annexation, no indemnity" formula, but demand vigorous action. One of their papers, the Petrograd Dielo Naroda, discussing Russia's military position since the Revolution, remarked:—"We must recognize the impossibility of further propagating the indefinite—not to use a harsher word—international situation taken up by the Russian Republic for three long months. Russia then practically left the ranks of the belligerent Powers—left them automatically, inasmuch as the complete negation of our original war-aims could not but paralyze our military activity at the front."

"There are only two ways of leaving from this situation: either by a separate peace or by a re-establishment of the unity of fronts. The first method, has been repudiated by the Russian Revolutionary Democracy with full unanimity. It would seem, then, that we have no alternative but to resume the strategical and political unity of the Allied fronts. But, in our opinion, it would be tantamount to a surrender of our revolutionary foreign policy, at the discretion of the Allies, if we assumed the offensive before receiving firm guarantees of the Allies' adherence to the watchword, 'peace without annexation.'"

The Petrograd Zemlia e Volia, another Revolutionary Socialist organ, and the Moscow Russkaya Vedomosti, an old-established and moderately radical paper, join in urging a vigorous offensive as Russia's first duty. The Zemlia e Volia says:—"It is necessary to attack, to must attack—an intense and successful struggle is necessary before peace without annexation."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

U.S.A. AND BELGIAN CHARITIES.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

London, S.W.1, July 31st, 1917.

DEAR SIR,—The "National Committee for Relief in Belgium" recently announced that they were suspending their appeals in this country, as the U.S.A. Government had taken on itself the work of relieving the Belgians in Belgium.

This announcement, although quite clear in itself, has left a widespread impression, that all other Belgian Charities had also stopped, and in consequence there has been a marked falling off in the subscription to other Belgian Funds.

I shall esteem it a favor if you will kindly make it clear to your readers, that the work taken over by the U.S.A. Government is that of relieving Belgians in Belgium, and that there are other numerous Charities, which are still being carried out in this country. The objects of some of these may be mentioned:—

1.—Care of the broken down Belgian Children, brought from Belgium into Holland for treatment.

2.—Care of the Wives and Children of War Prisoners and Interned Belgian Men in Holland.

3.—Instruction of Blind and Maimed Soldiers in new Trades, in England, France and Switzerland.

4.—Provision of Elementary Comforts for Belgian Soldiers in the Trenches, who are cut off from their families in Belgium.

5.—Care of the Soldiers in the Training Camps and the Wounded, in the Hospitals.

6.—Care of the Men who have escaped from Belgium to enlist in the Belgian Army and who are without means.

7.—Provision of necessities and comforts for Belgian Interned Soldiers in Holland.

8.—Provision of necessities and comforts for Belgian Prisoners of War in Germany.

The above actual work, which is impossible for aid to be obtained from Belgium, and unless these Charitable Institutions are assisted by the British Public, the Belgian Soldiers will not have

the necessary comforts, and the plight of the poor unfortunate Belgian Civilians will be miserable in the extreme. The Work undertaken by the U.S.A. Government does not cover these cases at all.

We trust therefore that the generous British will continue their subscriptions as before.—We are, Dear Sir, yours truly,

EMILE VANDERVELDE,
Belgian Minister of State.

For the "British Gifts for Belgian Soldiers," 32, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1, London.

G. VANDERMEEREN,
Hqrs. Secy.

For the "Working Men's Belgian Fund" and "Ouvrage de la Santé de l'Enfance Belge" (Belgian Children's Fund in Holland), 32, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1, London.

GEO. J. N. ROZEZ,
Chairman.

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Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1917. 2116

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To-day's Advertisements

V. B. O. AQUATIC SPORTS.

LADIES' RACE.

50 YARDS (2 LENGTHS) HANDICAP.
SPECIAL dressing boxes have been erected ensuring complete privacy. Ladies intending to compete are asked to attend at the V.B.O. any day between 10 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. when one of the Bandcampers will be present to time them over the distance. Entries close on Monday 24th inst.

R. C. WITCHELL,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 21, 1917. 2127

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administrator to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th September, 1917, at 12 noon at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, the CLOTHING and EFFECTS of the late J. B. JOHNSTONE.

Terms - as usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 21, 1917. 2128

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERN), on

MONDAY,

the 1st October, 1917, at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

TWO LARGE HAND PRINTING PRESSES.

Terms - Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 21, 1917. 2129

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

9 p.m. - Police Reserve Band Night in the Public Gardens.
10.15 a.m. - Auction of White Goods, Dress Materials, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
11.30 a.m. - Auction of Brass Ware, Statuaries, Vases, Tea Sets, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Sept. 21 -

Entries close for V.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports.

TUESDAY, Sept. 25 -

2.30 p.m. - Auction of Furniture, Bedsteads, Piano, etc. etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26 -

5.30 p.m. - H.K. St. Andrew Society's Meeting.

9.15 p.m. - Open Air Concert at Helms May Institute.

THURSDAY, Sept. 27 -

Settlement Day - Hongkong Stock Exchange.

12.10 p.m. - Union Insurance Society's Extra General Meeting.

2.10 p.m. - Auction of Sundry Goods at Kowloon Godowns.

5.30 p.m. - Kowloon Cricket Club's Annual General Meeting.

THURS. 27, Fri. 28 & Sat. 29 Sept. -

V.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports.

SATURDAY, Sept. 29 -

Michaelmas Day.

10.30 a.m. - Auction of Drugs, Chemicals, Hospital Sundries, etc. etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Noon - Douglas Steamship Co's Meeting.

SUNDAY, Sept. 30 -

Al Fresco Fete in Aid of Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

MORRIS, Oct. 1 -

October Criminal Sessions commence.

1.10 a.m. - Fall Moon.

MONDAY, Oct. 8 -

General Holiday.

TUESDAY, Oct. 9 -

4.45 p.m. - Auction of Postage Stamps at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks, the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Insurance Coys Guild, £200

Attention is drawn to an advertisement in an adjoining column regarding the Ladies' Race at the forthcoming V.R.C. Aquatic Sports. We have been requested to mention that the ladies dressing boxes are conveniently placed and that complete privacy is assured.

A Chinese school boy of Sha Po Village in Ai-tau district has reported to the Police that on the 19th instant a gang of ten men armed with knives and pickaxes made their way into the village. They forced an entry into four houses and stole a quantity of jewellery and clothing and departed.

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club will take place at the club house on Thursday 27th inst. at 5.30 p.m. instead of on Wednesday 26th inst. as advertised. The change is being made on account of the St. Andrew's Society's Meeting being held next Wednesday.

We have been asked to mention again that Kowloon Cricket Club will be "At Home" to-morrow from 4 p.m. Mrs. P. R. Wolf will present the prizes in connection with the recent Tennis Tournament. The programme for the afternoon includes tennis and croquet. Tea will be served. By kind permission of Major Ardoin and Officers of the 74th Panjabis, their band will be in attendance.

The attention of the postal censors might be drawn to the fact that the Germans are still using the British post services for their propaganda. We have received to-day for instance in an envelope bearing a Danish postmark a sheet printed in English, French and Spanish bearing the title "La Corres, pondance Politique de l'Europe Centrale" which has its offices in Zurich (Switzerland). The feature of the news is correspondence from Berlin, and the nature of it is quite in keeping with the usual output of the Wolf Bureau.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. T. Edkins and Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe returned to the Colony to-day from the North.

The Reverend J. Kirk Macdonald has returned to the Colony from a holiday in Japan and will conduct the service in Union Church on Sunday.

Mr. Alfred Carroll Hunter, of Hartington Road, Liverpool, formerly of Shanghai, retired merchant, who gave £250 among certain religious charities, left estate of the value of £2,266.

Captain Thomas Cecil Boyd, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who died on July 21 from wounds received on July 5, was the younger son of Mrs. Boyd, 27, Roland Gardens, S.W., and a grandson of Mr. T. W. Richardson, of Swatow, China.

The death is announced at Weihaiwei of Mr. A. S. Wilson, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Platt, McLeod and Wilson, solicitors of Shanghai. The deceased gentleman, who was about 40 years of age, had been suffering from rheumatic fever.

H. E. The Governor was "At Home" at Mountain Lodge yesterday afternoon. The weather was delightful, and sufficiently cool on the top of the Peak to make tennis enjoyable. Several courts were occupied. The Band of the Middlesex Regiment was in attendance and altogether a pleasant afternoon was spent by a fairly large gathering.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

["Chinese Mail" Service.]

A FINANCIAL COUNCIL.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 20.
The Financial Council was formally established yesterday with Liang Kai Chiu as chairman and Chan Hou Dai and Wong Kwan vice-chairmen, and 25 officers.

LUK WING TING'S DEMAND.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 20.
Luk Wing Ting's latest policy with regard to the Parliament, demands that a definite date shall be stated for convening Parliament and also that the old Members shall be eligible. He pays special attention to the question of the election of a new President and Vice-President, next year.

LUNG CHAI KWONG'S UNPAID TROOPS.

PEKING, Sept. 20.
Lung Chai Kwong has telegraphed stating that his soldiers have not been paid since May, by the Canton Government and he therefore requests payment by the Central Government. The request has been handed over to the War Ministry for decision.

TROOPS FOR EUROPE.

PEKING, Sept. 20.
An movement is on foot, in Peking, to raise a volunteer corps of 100,000 soldiers for Europe, the cost to be defrayed by public subscription.

THE PRESIDENT'S BODY GUARDS.

PEKING, Sept. 20.
The President has transferred his own body-guards and the Sixth and Fifteenth Divisions from Nanking to Peking.

LADY MAY ROSE FUND.

"OUR DAY," THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

Mr. L. N. Lee, Hon. Secretary of the "Our Day" Committee, informs us that the Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the War Charities to arrange the celebration of "Our Day," has decided to repeat the Sale of Roses which was so successful and prominent a feature of the proceedings a year ago. Subscriptions to the Lady May Rose Fund will now be gratefully received, and applications for Roses should be addressed to Lady May, Government House, with the envelope marked "Rose Fund." Cheques should be made payable to Lady May and crossed.

In view of the fact that Lady May has not yet returned to the Colony it is important that the marking "Rose Fund" be not omitted, otherwise applications will not be opened. Several generous donors, whose names will be published later, have very kindly defrayed the cost of the Roses, and it is fervently hoped that the proceeds of the Sale of Roses will exceed even those of a year ago. Lord Lansdowne stated recently that the needs of the British Red Cross were now not less than £3,000 a day, so the call is pressing. The names of subscribers and the amounts subscribed will be notified daily in the Press.

"OUR DAY."

LADY MAY ROSE FUND.

The under-mentioned subscription has been received and is gratefully acknowledged.

Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, \$500
L. N. LEE,
Hon. Secretary,
"Our Day."

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

ARE you subject to attacks of diarrhoea? Keep absolutely quiet for a few days, and if possible, take a course of Coler's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine has cured cases of chronic diarrhoea that physicians have failed on, and it will cure you. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

THE MAGISTRACY.

OPIUM IN AN UMBRELLA.

A Chinese woman, described as a widow, was charged with the unlawful possession of two and one-half taels of prepared opium other than Government opium. Defendant was arrested while boarding the S.S. *Sunning* yesterday, and the opium was found concealed in her umbrella.

In answer to the charge defendant told His Worship that she came down to Hongkong to look for her niece, but could not find her. She had no money for her return passage to Canton, and a man offered to pay her fare if she carried the opium for him.

After hearing further evidence Mr. Wood fined the defendant \$150 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour.

AN OPIUM DIVAN.

Eight Chinese were charged this morning before Mr. Wood with keeping an opium divan in Wing Fung Street, Wanchai.

Defendants pleaded guilty and after hearing the evidence His Worship fined the first two defendants \$100 or six weeks' hard labour and the rest were fined \$2 each or five days.

POCKET-PICKING IN A CINEMA.

The case was resumed this afternoon before Mr. Dyer Ball, in which a Chinese was charged with attempting to pick the pocket of another Chinese, in the Empire Cinema on the 12th inst.

Mr. Lo appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Preston defended.

TO-MORROW'S CONCERT IN THE PUBLIC GARDENS.

His Excellency the Governor has announced his intention to be present at the concert to be given under the auspices of the Police Reserve to-morrow evening in the Botanical Gardens which will be illuminated for the occasion. The following is the programme of the concert:—

1. Overture—"William Tell".....Rossini.
Band of the 74th Panjabis.
2. Waltz—"Beautiful Spring".....Linske.
Orchestra of the H.K.P. Reserve.
3. Baritone Solo—"When the Heart is in the Hand".....W. H. Squire.
Mr. A. Hyde Lay.
4. Selection—"The Girl in the Taxi".....Home.
Band of the 74th Panjabis.
5. Soprano Solo—"Fallen Roses".....A. F. Tate.
Mrs. C. W. Bewick.
- 6(a) Entr' Act—"Spring Dreams".....A. King.
Orchestra of the H.K.P. Reserve.
- 6(b) Spanish Serenade—"La Paloma".....Yradier.
Orchestra of the H.K.P. Reserve.
- Interval.
- Selection—"The Bing Boys are here".....Douglas.
The Band of the 74th Panjabis.
- PART 2.
1. Overture—"Morning, Noon, and Night".....Suppe.
The Orchestra of the H.K.P. (H.).
2. Baritone Solo—"Selected".....Mr. C. P. Hay.
3. Selection—"Les Huguenots".....Meyerbeer.
The Orchestra of the H.K.P. (H.).
4. Soprano Solo—"Unlil".....Sanderson.
Miss Camille Castro.
5. Selection—"The Belle of New York".....Kerker.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

DEATH OF MR. P. J. BUCKLAND.

Many in Hongkong will regret to learn of the death of Mr. P. J. Buckland, who for nearly twenty years was a resident of Hongkong and had many friends throughout the Far East. He died at home on the 19th inst. His age was 42.

Mr. Buckland, came to Hongkong from home in 1867 to join the staff of Messrs. Holmes, Ringer & Co., with whom he remained (the *Yong Lok Press* states) until August 1902, when he returned home with his family to take charge of the business in Europe of Messrs. Fing & Co., of Hakodadi, in which he had been admitted to partnership. News of a serious illness reached Nagasaki a few months ago, but the last report it is understood, was that he was making good progress to recovery. Mr. Buckland was married at the Nagasaki English Church, in October, 1902, to Miss Margaret Carter, and there are two children. During the last few years of his residence in Nagasaki Mr. Buckland travelled extensively in the Far East on business tours and had many friends in all the ports from Manila northwards. He was for some years Hon. Secretary of the Nagasaki Club. From 1908 until he went home he was Consul for Denmark and some other countries.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fourth ordinary general meeting to be held at the offices of the Company on Saturday, the 29th day of September, is as follows:—

The General Managers beg to submit to the Shareholders their report on the Thirty-fourth year's working of the Company, ending June 30th, 1917.

After paying all Running Expenses, Docking Charges, Premiums of Insurance, Bonus to Captains and Officers of Steamers, Remuneration to Consulting Committee and Auditors' Fees, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$350,829.24 out of which an Interim Dividend of 10 per cent. was paid on 4th April last amounting \$100,000.00 and subject to the approval of Shareholders it is proposed to appropriate the Balance remaining, as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of 2 per cent. (\$1.00 per share).....	\$20,000.00
To pay a Bonus of 8 per cent. (\$4.00 per share).....	\$80,000.00
To write off from the value of the Company's Steamers and Properties.....	77,829.24
To place to Reserve Fund.....	\$2,000.00
	\$250,829.24

During the year coastwise freights and charters were very satisfactory and but for the requisitioning by the Government of two of the steamers during the last three months the results would have been much better.

The Steamers and other Properties of the Company have been maintained in good order.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. David Landale resigned on leaving the Colony, his place being taken by Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.

The Committee now consists of Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Mr. A. O. Laing and Hon. Mr. B. G. Sheehan who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. B. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

THE SERVICE DOLLAR.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION'S INTEREST.

In his speech at the annual meeting of the China Association, in London on July 31st, the major portion of which was given in the *China Mail* of Tuesday last, the Chairman (Mr. F. Anderson) made the following reference to the pay grievance of the Service men in the Far East:—

We have drawn attention to the great hardship caused by the rise in exchange suffered by all officials in the Far East, and also by naval and military officers there who are paid in sterling. The hardship is enhanced by the increased cost of living. In a telegram from our Hongkong branch it is stated that the Hongkong Government has granted their Civil Service the privilege of drawing four-fifths of their pay of the pre-war rate of 14 sh. to the dollar, but officers of the Army and Navy stationed there are receiving their pay at over 2s. 7d. to the dollar—the difference is roughly 114 dollars to the £ as compared with 71 dollars. In the Treaty Ports the reduction in the number of dollars to the £ is even greater. The hardship is so great we hope that the favourable consideration already given in some cases by H.M. Government will be extended to all the services.

We may add that the Service dollar is now 3/-.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

No. 1 HONGKONG V.A.D.

The annual "Efficiency Test" will take place after the Lecture at the Military Hospital on Friday 28th inst.

All members of the Detachment are expected to be present at 10.15 a.m. wearing uniform, badges, and any medals they may have been awarded.

The following have been passed as "Efficient" for the year ending Sept. 30th 1917.

In First Aid—Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Bowley, Mrs. Constand, Miss Osholm, Mrs. Danby, Mrs. Gagg, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Brotherton Barker, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Hayward, Miss J. W. Taylor, Miss Wilkinson, and Miss Vickers.

In Home Nursing—Mrs. Goldsmith, Miss J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Mansfield and Miss Percy.

Mrs. Tidwell has kindly consented to give a course of Lectures on Home Nursing at the Helena May Institute beginning on Friday, Oct. 12th, at 8 p.m.

S. W. WILKINSON,
Acting Adjutant & Hon. Secy.

COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Shawman & Co's Freight Circular, dated 15th September, states:—

The general tone of our market has remained very quiet since our last report under date of 1st inst. Little business has been effected although the demand for boats on timecharter is still very strong and rates asked become increasingly firm. In the local market there is only small demand and the Hongkong rate, which, when we last wrote, stood at about 35 cents per picul, has shown a weakening tendency. Figures reported in the interval are those of a medium sized regular coaster at 35 cents, two further rates at 30 and 27 cents, a large Dutch steamer at 35 cents and a small outsider at 20 cents. The market closes at a little over this last figure with indications that possibly 30 cents per picul might be obtained.

Reports of rice from Saigon from 1st January to 21st August, 1917, amount to 53,557 tons as compared with 57,527 tons for the same period last year. Quotation for No. 2 White round sited rice stands at \$7.00 per picul, f.a.s. Saigon for August/September shipment.

Saigon/Philippines.—No local fixing is reported; Philippine own tonnage being sufficient to cater for the Islands demands. We are advised, however, that some of the tonnage previously fixed at about Pesos 1.35 has been rechartered at about Pesos 1.90 per picul.

Saigon/Java.—Tonnage could still be placed in this direction. The rate stands, nominally, at about \$1.50 but this could most probably be improved upon.

Saigon.—Business could also be done in this direction with tonnage giving a little notice.

Bangkok/Hongkong.—The freight rate has fallen considerably, quotations on going to press being made of \$1.20 \$1.10 f.i.s. inside/outside but lowering respectively with little tonnage offered. It is possible due to the fact that the Government of Siam is reported to be regulating all supplies incoming from the hinterland to Bangkok and therefore possibly the present fall is only in the nature of being a temporary one.

Newchwang/Canton.—We have nothing to report.

TREATMENT OF GERMANS AFTER THE WAR.

At the half yearly general meeting of the Penang Chamber of Commerce held on the 3rd inst. the Hon. Mr. A. F. Goodrich (Messrs. Sandilands, Sutterly & Co) the Chairman, in the course of his speech said:—

The Member for the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and as an all time subject to the effect that "Germans should not be admitted into the Colony for a period of five or ten years after peace had been declared." The resolution was defeated by the official vote, but was subsequently passed unanimously at a general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, and in public meetings. We obtained fifty copies of a pamphlet issued by the Hongkong Chamber, giving an account of these meetings, and we circulated same among our members. You have no doubt all read this pamphlet. Your Committee gave it their very careful consideration, and while they sympathise with the resolution, they think the recommendations they made last year to the Colonial Government go as far as is necessary. These were as follows:—

If our present enemies were to be allowed to trade, they should only do so under the following restrictions:—

(a) Under special licence of the local Government and be at all times subject to an adaptation of the laws controlling Limited Liability Companies.

(b) The turnover value of their trade to be subject to a tax.

(c) They shall not be allowed to become representative Agents of British manufacturers or British commercial undertakings.

I would lay particular stress on the last recommendation, as in the past it represented in many cases the only solid part of their business. It is a lamentable fact that in pre-war days a number of British manufacturers preferred to be represented by Germans rather than by their own countrymen. It is difficult to understand what advantage they imagined they gained by their attitude, but presumably they considered the pernicious long credits and underhand methods of the German trader resulted in a larger turnover. We know from investigations that the German merchant used the profits made on lucrative British agencies to underbid the British merchant in other lines of business. After the war, therefore, it should be made illegal for any German firm, should Germans be allowed back here, to hold a British agency. One lesson that war has taught us is that our ante bellum treatment of other nations was badly. Let us hope that the British Imperial Conference, now arriving at a definite Imperial policy before peace comes. (Applause.)

Survivors from the American ship *Yong Lok*, which was recently torpedoed by a German submarine, state that when the vessel sank the captain was drawn under the water with her, but later on he was picked up by a yacht. Meanwhile the submarine circled around a boatload of survivors and a German officer asked: "Where the captain is?" The survivors replied that they believed he went down with the ship, whereupon the German officer cursed in English and said: "There's a price of £2,000 on his head. We want him."

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